

1917, ch. 12, sec. 135A.

135A. The Conservation Commission of Maryland is hereby authorized to select and reserve for oyster cultivation as provided in this subtitle any portion or portions of the natural beds, bars and rocks within the scraping areas of this State, and to close the area so reserved for such time as the Commission may fix, to transplant seed oysters, shells, or other cultch thereon, and re-open the same for public use, subject to all the conditions and restrictions set forth in Section 134 of this subtitle, including the payment of the charge or tax to be fixed by the Commission as therein prescribed, and the Commission is empowered to pay the cost of transplanting seed oysters not to exceed ten cents per bushel, and shells not to exceed five cents per bushel, in the manner stated in Section 133 of this Article, provided that oysters planted upon such reserved scraping areas shall be caught only by scrapers of the County in which said reserved area is located, holding licenses for the current season, who shall take out a special license from the Commission or one of its inspectors or deputy commanders at a cost of one dollar each, after taking the oath prescribed in paragraph 6 of Section 134 of this Article.

1917, ch. 12, sec. 135B.

135B. The Conservation Commission is authorized to select and reserve for experiments in oyster conservation and propagation, any portion or portions of the natural beds, bars and rocks of the Chesapeake Bay or tributaries in dredging area not to exceed in the aggregate one thousand acres, and to give notice thereof in the manner stated in Section 132, and to transplant thereon seed oysters, shells, or other cultch, or to propagate seed oysters, or in any other feasible manner to develop methods of production of oysters, and said Commission shall be empowered to improve, replenish or cultivate said experimental areas in such manner and for such length of time as it may determine. The Commission shall have power to dispose of the oysters at any time, and manner, and upon any terms which it may fix, the proceeds thereof to be placed to the credit of the "Conservation Fund," and to be used for further experimental work upon said areas or some other purpose to be determined by the Commission. Any person catching oysters upon such experimental area without permission from the Commission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 132.